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Did You Know?

A few things worth remembering and passing on.

1. In 1950 only a small share of American homes had a television, but by the end of the decade the majority of families owned one.
2. The first successful polio vaccine was announced in 1955, bringing enormous relief to parents who had long feared summer outbreaks.
3. Alaska and Hawaii both joined the Union in 1959, and the American flag took on its fifty stars on July 4, 1960.
4. Drive-in movie theaters reached their peak popularity in the 1950s, with thousands operating across the country.
5. A spinning plastic hoop toy swept the country in 1958, with tens of millions sold in just a few months as children twirled them in driveways everywhere.
6. The interstate highway program launched in 1956 eventually connected cities coast to coast and changed how Americans traveled.